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Applicant : Andreas KRELL et al.

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For : METHOD OF PRODUCING ALUMINUM OXIDES AND PRODUCTS
OBTAINED ON THE BASIS THEREOF

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir :

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 29, 2003, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until January 29, 2004, and the Advisory Action mailed February 20, 2004 which indicates that the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1,116 filed January 23, 2004 will be entered with certain of the rejections of record having been withdrawn.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for two months for responding to the Final Office Action until March 29, 2004, and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time for two months accompanied by the appropriate government fee. If for any reason an extension of time is needed to maintain the pendency of this application, such as for entry of an Examiner's Amendment or if the formal Request for Extension of Time is not associated with the file at the Patent and Trademark Office and/or if the government fee is deficient, authority is hereby provided to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the instant reply with reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which appears in the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 filed January 29, 2004.

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